Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jo Hall started her newspaper career working for the *Mobridge Reminder* in July 1956; and,

Whereas, In 1961, the Coleman family bought the *Reminder*, and Jo joined the *Mobridge Tribune* staff as a reporter; and,

Whereas, In 1964, Gene and Margy Chamberlin purchased the *Mobridge Tribune and Reminder*, and Jo was promoted to news editor, one of the first female editors in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Jo has won hundreds of state and national newspaper awards for her writing and photography, making her one of the most award winning journalists in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Jo is considered one of the top obituary writers in the United States, with many newspapers copying her signature personal, story-telling obituary writing style; and,

Whereas, Jo has represented the newspaper industry and the state of South Dakota on her foreign correspondent trips with the National Newspaper Association to such places as Burma, Thailand, Laos, New Zealand and Tahiti; and,

Whereas, Jo, now in her mid-80s, serves as Just Folks Editor, a position she has held since 1981, and continues to put in 30 or more hours each week to make sure her faithful readers are kept informed, entertained and enlightened; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor of South Dakota to recognize and honor Jo for her 50 years of covering the news for Mobridge newspaper readers as the *Mobridge Tribune* hosts an open house for her during the Mobridge Centennial celebration on July 3, 2006:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 3, 2006, as

JO HALL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State